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Dear Students:

Thank you for your letters of thanks. I really enjoyed speaking meeting with the entire Third Grade. I'll try to answer all your questions.

To answer some of your questions, I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia when I was young. My job there was to teach people how to ask the government for help when they have problems. When I saw all the possibilities for the government to help the Colombian people, I decided to come home and make sure that our government was helping our people. I worked in the state Legislature for thirteen years and have been in Congress for four years.

I am pleased to see that many of you are concerned about your community and have asked me to work to protect it. You can be sure that I will do everything I can. A couple of the things you mentioned are ones you can work on, too. When you see someone throwing trash on the ground, pick it up and remind them that no one wants to look at trash on the ground. If someone tells you they don't like school, tell them why you like it, that may help them see why it's important.

Thanks again for inviting me to your school, I had a great time talking with you. I'm enclosing a picture, I hope you like it. Please write me again if there is something else that concerns you.

Sincerely,

SAM FARR
Member of Congress

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Enclosure